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2026 Australian Government Graduate Program (AGGP) Data Stream

Interview Questions - Data Generalist

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As you have now received the information relating to your Virtual Interview
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Instructions

This document contains the interview questions for your upcoming interview.
There is an ice breaker followed by three formal interview questions.

There are **four** pages in this document.

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Ice Breaker

The purpose of this question is to give you an opportunity to settle into the interview and to tell us a bit about your background, this question is not assessed.

We would like to know a little bit more about you. Please tell us what you studied/are studying at university and what you enjoy/enjoyed about your studies.

Question 1 (suggested 20-minute response time)

The purpose of this question is to assess your technical data skills for the Data Generalist stream.

Reference material

Refer to Figure 1 and Figure 2 on the following page to answer the following two questions.

- 1. Reviewing the results from 2021 Census, provide three key headline observations on generational change reflected in the data below.**
- 2. Explain how these observations may be useful in informing public policy and future resource planning, and address the following questions in your response:**
 - a. What additional data would you seek out to validate your assumptions?**
 - b. What are some influences to consider when drawing conclusions from the data presented?**
 - c. If you were asked to estimate the results for 2026, how would you approach this?**

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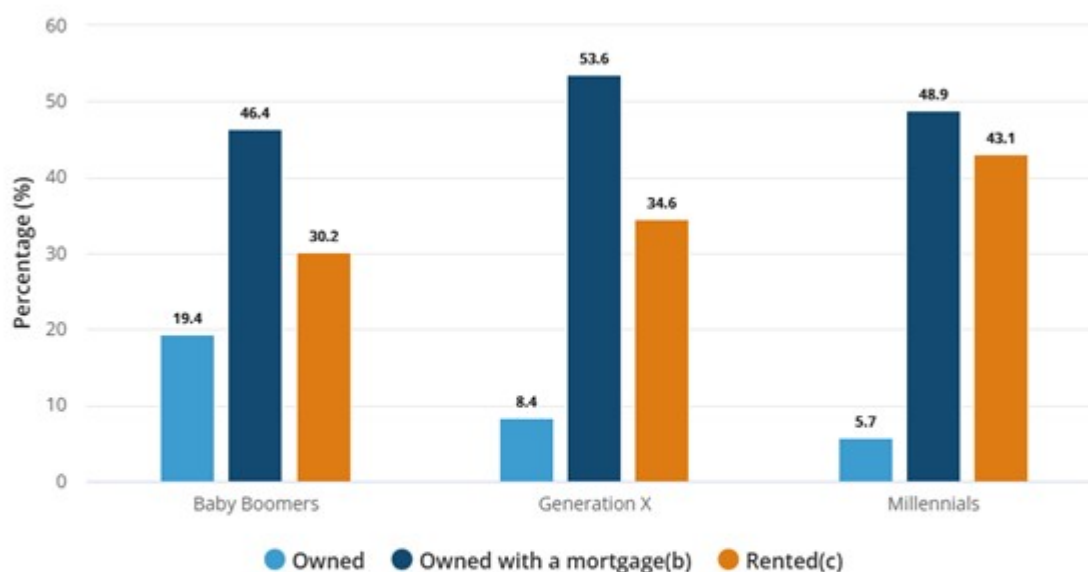


Figure 1: Living arrangements of people aged 25-39 years in 1991, 2006 and 2021, by proportion (a)

	Baby Boomers in 1991 (%)	Generation X in 2006 (%)	Millennials in 2021 (%)
Couple with no children	14.6	18.1	35.7
Couple with children	51.5	40.7	21.2
Single parent with children	4.9	5.8	4.4
With parents	7.2	8.5	9.9
With other relatives	2.0	2.0	2.4
With unrelated persons in a family household	1.1	1.2	2.4
Lone person	6.0	8.2	7.7
Group household	5.8	5.2	6.8

a. Proportion of all people aged 25-39 years. Total includes visitors, people living in other non-classifiable households and in non-private dwellings.

Figure 2: Housing tenure for people aged 25-39 years (a), 1991, 2006 and 2021



- a. As a proportion of occupied private dwellings for households with a reference person, husband, wife or partner, lone parent or person living alone who is aged 25-39 years. Total includes occupied rent free, other tenure type and tenure not stated.
- b. Includes being purchased under a shared equity scheme.
- c. Excludes rent free.

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Question 2 (suggested 5-minute response time)

The purpose of this question is to assess your critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Can you tell us of a time when you had to make a decision with limited information? What did you do to make your decision and what was the outcome? You can refer to a personal, work or study experience.

Question 3 (suggested 5-minute response time)

The purpose of this question is to assess your interpersonal skills.

The Australian Public Service is made up of a diverse demographic of employees, including varying age, gender, cultural background, work style and experience. Can you describe a time when you worked with a diverse group of people? How did you ensure effective communication and collaboration despite any differences?

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